UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES,

Plaintiff,

-against-

MARIO HERRERA,

Defendant.

No. 16 Cr. 64 (LAP)

ORDER

LORETTA A. PRESKA, Senior United States District Judge:

Before the Court is Mr. Herrera's request, dated March 1, 2022, for the appointment of counsel, presumably to assist him in filing a new habeas petition. (Dkt. No. 538.) As the Court noted in its January 12, 2022 order (see dkt. no. 536), the Court lacks the authority to appoint counsel until Mr. Herrera files a new Section 2255 petition. See 28 U.S.C. \$ 2255(g) (the Court may appoint counsel in "proceedings brought under this section" (emphasis added)); see also 18 U.S.C. \$ 3006A ("[I]f the interests of justice so require, representation may be provided for any financially eligible person who . . . is seeking relief under section . . . 2255 of title 28." (emphasis added)). If and when Mr. Herrera files a new petition under Section 2255, the Court will consider any application to appoint

Mr. Herrera's prior habeas petition was denied on August 12, 2021. (See dkt. no. 8 in 19-cv-6555.) Mr. Herrera has appealed that decision, which remains pending. (See dkt. no. 9 in 19-cv-6555.)

CJA counsel under <u>Hodge v. Police Officers</u>, 802 F.2d 58, 61-62 (2d Cir. 1985).

The Clerk of the Court shall mail a copy of this order to Mr. Herrera at his last known address:

Mario Herrera Register No. 77164-054 FCI-Hazelton P.O. Box 5000 Bruceton Wills, WV 26525

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 9, 2022

New York, New York

LORETTA A. PRESKA

Senior United States District Judge

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